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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 14, 2005, a reply to which is due March 14, 2006 with a one-month extension of time, a petition for which is concurrently filed herewith, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this submission.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 13 of this submission.